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SUBJECT: LISHCHENKO VISIT

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1. LISHCHENKO ADVISED ASST. AGATT FOLLOWING FURTHER DETAILS
ON THIS VISIT. NOTE THAT HE WAS MORE SPECIFIC IN HIS RE-
QUESTS THAN WHEN AGATTS MET WITH HIM ON JUNE 19.

2. TEAM MEMBERS ARE:

DR. VICTOR F. LISHCHENKO, HEAD, SECTION OF AGRICULTURAL
PROBLEMS, INSTITUTE OF USA AND CANADA STUDIES;

YURIY V. SEDIKH, COUNSEL, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
U.S.S.R, COUNCIL OF MINISTERS;

YURIY D. CHERNICHENKO, PROFESSIONAL WRITER, LEADING
COMMENTATOR OF USSR NATIONAL TV NETWORK, PROGRAM: "COUNTRY-
SIDE DEALINGS AND PROBLEMS."

3. FYI, SIDIKH IS MOST IMPORTANT. AS MEMBER
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OF AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT OF COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS (INCLUDING S&T), HIS ROLE ON THE TEAM, AS
WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED, IS TO ATTEMPT TO CORRELATE
WHAT HE SEES AND HEARS INTO A REPORT. THIS REPORT
WILL DEAL PROBABLY WITH THE FEASIBILITY OF INCREASING
SOYBEAN PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION IN THE SOVIET
UNION AND, MOST SPECIFICALLY, HOW SOYBEANS CAN BE

UTILIZED IN THE SU TO INCREASE BROILER AND POULTRY PRODUCTION. FYI, BROILER PRODUCTION IS RECEIVING TOP PRIORITY DURING BALANCE OF CURRENT FIVE-YEAR PLAN.

4. LISHCHENKO OPINED THAT SU, IN ORDER TO MEET NEW 1980 GOAL, WOULD REQUIRE ADDITIONAL IMPORTS OF SOYBEANS AND CORN AS "MUST" ITEMS.

5. NEW 1980 GOALS CALL FOR DOUBLING OF 1975 LEVELS OF POULTRY MEAT PRODUCTION (1.4 MILLION METRIC TONS, SLAUGHTER WEIGHT) AND QUADRUPLING OF 1975 LEVELS OF BROILER MEAT PRODUCTION (200,000-210,000 METRIC TONS, SLAUGHTER WEIGHT).

6. SUGGESTED SCHEDULE FOR TEAM AS FOLLOWS:

-- AUGUST 6 - LEAVE MOSCOW VIA PAN AM TO NEW YORK, THEN DIRECTLY TO LOUISVILLE, KY., TO ATTEND CONVENTION OF AMERICAN SOYBEAN PRODUCERS. (AUGUST 7-10; FOUR DAYS).

--FLY TO ARKANSAS AND SPEND THREE DAYS VIEWING ONE OR TWO VERTICALLY INTEGRATED POULTRY FARMS (HOLLY FARMS, CONAGRA, TYSON OR SWIFT) WITH CAPACITY OF 50-100 MILLION BIRDS PER YEAR.

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SINCE NONE OF THE THREE IS A TECHNICIAN, PRIMARY OBJECTIVE WOULD BE TO VIEW OVERALL ORGANIZATION OF FARMS FROM RAISING OF SOYBEANS -- MIXING OF FEEDS -- GROWING OF BROILERS -- SLAUGHTER AND PROCESSING AND PACKAGING OF BIRDS THROUGH DISTRIBUTION OF PRODUCTS VIA WHOLESALE AND RETAIL OUTLETS COVERING LARGE DISTANCES. (A GENERALIST'S OVERVIEW OF OPERATION WOULD PROBABLY BE BEST.)

-- FLY TO KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY TO VISIT MR. JOHNSON (FRIEND OF ROSWELL GARST'S) AND DISCUSS WITH HIM THE PROBLEMS OF PRODUCING SOYBEANS UNDER SEMI-ARID CONDITIONS (TWO DAYS).

--FLY TO IOWA (MOLINE, HUDSON AND COON RAPIDS); TALK TO MR. HEWITT, DEERE & CO. VIEW AND DISCUSS MACHINERY REQUIRED TO PRODUCE SOYBEANS. (UNDER IOWA AND ARKANSAS CONDITIONS.)

VISIT ROSWELL GARST'S FARM (THREE DAYS).

-- FLY TO UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS; VISIT NATIONAL

SOYBEAN CENTER; DISCUSSIONS ON
SOYBEAN GROWING; AND VISIT ADM (MR. ANDREAS). VIEW
AT LEAST ONE SOYBEAN PROCESSING PLANT WITH 500,000
TON CAPACITY (TWO DAYS).

-- FLY TO WASHINGTON, D.C., FOR BRIEFING BY USDA
OFFICIALS, INCLUDING, IF POSSIBLE, A
MEETING WITH SEC. OF AGRIC. BERGLAND (TWO DAYS).

7. TOTAL LENGTH OF STAY IN THE US TO BE 16 DAYS.
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